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According to rumor, the dismantled parts of the missile sites were loaded by Soviet ships and transported to Isle of Pines and Cayo Largo.

According to unconfirmed reports, a gas tank of 500,000 liter capacity is being built in a hurry at a former sugar mill at Portugalete in Habana province.

An informed source says that Major Anderson was shot after landing. The press on November 5 and 6 had pictures of his plane and on the transportation of his body, but gave no details of the shooting.

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Pinar del Rio Province: There is an underground airport heavily equipped near Mariel. It is suspected that this airport also shelters some delta wing jet bombers and heavy electronic equipment.

Camaguey:

A missile base is being finished from Minas Redencion and Senado en route to Camaguey. It is half underground. Ten kilometers east of Camaguey another missile base, also half underground, is being finished. Everything is very well camouflaged. Fourteen big delta wing jet bombers have been transferred from Camaguey Airport to an unknown destination.

Oriente: Thirty-two huge trailers loaded with electronic equipment were sent to Oriente during the last ten days, by the highway, and redistributed in several places including caves. Nine trailers reached a place near Guantanamo City approximately 8 to 10 kilometers east of San German. Huge caves shelter enormous quantities of armaments. Heavy traffic was noted in this area day and night during the last six weeks.

Personnel belonging to the underground are in all of the above mentioned places.

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November 6: Occasional interference on WKWF last night but generally loud and also clear. Voice of America effectively jammed on 49 meters band but again very good on 31.

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